

We are almost half way through 2012 and we have had eight rescues come in since 2012. We have eight dogs in care at this time; three of which are carryovers from last issue.

Dogs adopted since last issue:

GINGER, who was very shy, submissive and fearful in some situations, blossomed into a Westie and was able to go on to a wonderful forever home where she is very much loved and learning to be outgoing and no longer so shy. She is having fun playing with her Westie sister and brother.

MOLLY, a senior of 12 years, was given up by an elderly couple who found they were just too old to take care of her any longer has been adopted and living a very happy life with a caring family.

BAXTER came into Rescue because he and his brother Westie were not getting along and his owners were unable to afford routine medical care including neutering. Baxter has now been adopted and is living a happy life with his new family.

Carryover dogs from last issue:

TOBY. Age 3.5 years, remains in foster care indefinitely. He came in with behavior issues. He is not a dog we would feel comfortable adopting out, but he isn't so bad that we would have to euthanize him. He does very well in care with his foster mom who is very good working with difficult dogs.

WESLEY, now Duffy, is our little senior who has some medical issues that may keep him in foster care the rest of his life. He is very much loved by his foster family.

BAILEY, age 13, remains in foster care. Despite being listed on Petfinder he has failed to find a forever home. Bailey needs a home that can give him the love and care he deserves in his senior years.

ANGEL, reported to be 6 years old was left at Animal Control by her owner who could not afford to treat her ear infection in one ear. Her ear is much better since being treated, however her hearing appears to be rather poor. She has recently had a liver biopsy to determine the reasons for some high liver values that have not been resolved. She also appears to have cataracts which will be treated after her other problems are under control. She is a very sweet little girl and is loved by her foster family.

New Fosters:



ABBIE, age 7 years, came in to Rescue along with her sister. The girls are very cute and sweet but had a habit of "ankle nipping" which had gone uncorrected. It reached a point that the family insisted the dogs be surrendered. We put them in separate foster homes so that they could not continue to reinforce this behavior. So far in foster care, they have been very good. We are keeping them in foster care long enough to see if it returns and to work on correcting it if it does. Abbie has been getting along with all of the other dogs in the home and has shown no problems. We just recently moved her to another foster home to see how she does in still another situation. So far she is getting along well with the other dogs in the home. She is a very sweet little girl.

Fostered by Becky Horning (1st home)

Fostered by Jackie Curtis (2nd home)



TILLEY, age 7 came in to Rescue with sister Abbie. The girls have been fostered separately due to a habit of "ankle nipping" which had been gone uncorrected in their previous home. Tilley has been doing beautifully in her foster home getting along well with the other dogs in the home. Tilley is in the process of being adopted by her foster home.

Fostered by: Maggie Payne



MIA was found as a stray out in the country. She appeared to have had a recent litter because she still had milk. Her body had been shaved down (poorly) but at least her facial hair was saved. Mia was named when our volunteer looked at her and said, "Mama Mia!!". Mia's ears were so infected that they were totally closed. She had a cyst on her back. She had a bloody discharge. She was seen by Wilson's Veterinary in Romeo where she stayed for the weekend. They bathed her and started treating her ears as well as giving her some of her basic shots and doing a heartworm check. On Monday, her foster mom picked her up and took her to her own vet who continued the job. We did the "legal" stuff of posting flyers and putting an ad in the paper. She wasn't claimed.



We took her to Oakland Veterinary Referral Services because her lungs sounded like they were crackling and popping. We were concerned that she might have Westie Lung Disease. If she does, it is in early stages because nothing else confirmed it. So we are trying antibiotics in hopes that it is an infection. She was spayed and it was confirmed that she either had pups recently or she may have had a false pregnancy. They took special precautions at Animal Medical Center of Troy to support her lungs during the surgery and everything went well. At the same time of spaying she had a dental and had the cyst removed. She is recovering nicely.



Mia began showing signs of a false pregnancy a couple of days after the surgery. She began collecting her babies (stuffed toys and balls) and nesting with them. This is now easing and she is able to leave her babies long enough to go for a walk or other fun things.

Mia is a very sweet little girl with a very laid back personality. She loves to snuggle, to be held and petted. She gets along perfectly with other dogs in the home and has won them all over.

We hope that the lung issues resolve so that she can be adopted and find a new life.

Fostered by: Beth Widdows and Eileen/Tom Michael



CASPER, age 6 years old, was surrendered because his owner died. The person who turned him in didn't know much about him other than age. His ears were swollen shut from infections and he needed to be neutered.

Casper arrived and turned out to truly be the sweet boy, as we were told. He plays nicely with the two female Westies in the foster home. He is well behaved and a very easy boy to be around. His ears have been treated and he has now been neutered and has had a dental.

He will make someone a wonderful pet and companion.

Fostered by: Jean Story

15 Minutes of Fame

Conformation

4-27-12 - TCM All Terrier Show, South Shore Marlee Davidson, Best of Breed Bred By, Winners, Best of Winners. Judge: Mr. David Kirkland 3 pt. major!!

5/27/12 - Kalamazoo Kennel Club, South Shore It's All About The Qwik Step, Winners Bitch.

Judge: Mr. Norman L. Patton,, 3 pt. major, **NEW Champion!!!**

5/26/12 - Grand Rapids Kennel Club, South Shore Marlee Davidson, Winners Bitch.

Judge: Mrs. Margaret Mickelson. 1 pt

Flyball

John Jacob, Jumpin' 4 Joy, received a certificate in the mail from U-Fli (United Flyball League International, INC.) naming him "2011 Top Dog In Breed". Jake had the best time (6.197) of any Westie in the league. It stated that he is "Recognized as a Breed Ambassador"!!

Obedience

(Connor qualified 4 times with 3 High In Trials - unheard of for a Westie!)

May 19, 2012 Sault Ste Marie Canada

Loch Thistle Connor Mac Braveheart

Owned by Helen and Ed Roth

Novice B Leg 1 - 1st place and All Breed High In Trial, Score 188.5

Judge Sally Briggs

Novice B Leg 2 - 2nd place, Score 190 Judge Sally Briggs

May 20, 2012

Novice B Leg 3 - 1st place and All Breed High In Trial, Score 189 **Title CD (Canadian)**

Judge Susan Des Cotes

Novice B - 1st place and All Breed High In Trial, Score 187

Judge Susan Des Cotes

Sault Ste Marie Kennel Club

Therapy Dog International

May 27, 2012

Wrigley and Blossom Wilson (Mom, Bonnie Wilson) both passed their TDI testing in Kalamazoo.



These three Westies are the mascots of "A Gust Of Sun". This is a winery near Niagara Falls, Canada. In fact, Abbey, Cody and Jewell have a wine named after them. "Three Westies White" costs \$18.95 plus shipping. See their website at www.agustofsun.com.